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RELATED CASE NUMBERS:			
COLLATERAL REQ:			
TYPE OF REPORT: INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS			
TOPIC: REPORT OF FINDINGS FROM INTERVIEW AND EXODUS COMMAND CENTER			

## SYNOPSIS:

On October 25, 2002, the Special Agent in Charge/Los Angeles received information from the Resident Agent in Charge/Orange County regarding possible export violations. The information pertained to the alleged sale of 173 "unused" ballistic vests and 300 "used, as is" Kevlar vests to the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The documents show the City of Gardena originally purchased the ballistic vests from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

This report details investigative efforts in determining the export status and licensing requirements of the ballistic vests to the possible end destination of Cambodia.

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DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

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On November 18, 2002, SAIC/LA sent an Exodus Licensing Determination/History Request to the Exodus Command Center (ECC), requesting information as to restrictions placed on the vests and their export, as well as any licensing information for the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

On November 21, 2002, this office received a request for more information from ECC. In order to make a determination on the licensing requirements for the ballistic vests, the U.S. State Department needed to know the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) protection level of the ballistic vests in question. In order for the vests to be licensable by the State Department they had to be a NIJ protection level of IIIA or higher.

On November 25, 2002, SAIC/LA received a facsimile transmittal from ECC stating there were negative checks at Commerce Department for the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia.

On November 25, 2002, SAIC/LA Special Agents [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) went to the County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), Central Supply Warehouse at 14205 Telegraph Road, Whittier, CA 90604. Agents met with [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the [REDACTED] ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for the LASD. Mr. [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was cooperative in providing copies of documents that showed the sale of 173 ballistic vests to the City of Gardena for \$5,190.00 on June 12, 2002. Another sale was for 300 ballistic vests, sold as one lot of surplus Kevlar, to the City of Gardena for \$3,000.00 on July 10, 2002. Both sales were approved by [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of the LASD and received by a [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) from the City of Gardena as shown on the purchasing documents. Mr. [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also stated that the Sheriff or an appointee must approve all sales of this nature. Mr. [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also provided a copy of the Soft Body Armor Specification of the vests that were sold to the City of Gardena. The specification shows the vests to be a NIJ protection level IIA or higher. Mr. [REDACTED] (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that all of the vests purchased by the LASD are NIJ protection level [REDACTED] (b)(7)(E).

On November 26, 2002, SAIC/LA received a facsimile transmittal from ECC showing negative checks from Office of Defense Trade Controls (ODTC) at the State Department.

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COLLATERAL REQ:			
TYPE OF REPORT: INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS MEMO OF INTERVIEW			
TOPIC: DETAILS OF INTERVIEW AND CASE UPDATE			

SYNOPSIS:

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This report of investigation details an interview of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) City Manager for the City of Gardena, and updates the current investigation.

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## Details of Investigation:

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On November 26, 2002, SAIC/LA Special Agents (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) and (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) conducted an interview with (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) City Manager, City of Gardena, CA. The interview was conducted at (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) office at (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Gardena, CA 90247-3778, City Hall for the City of Gardena.

The interview was conducted in relation to (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) typed name and signature on two (2) "Request for Bids on Surplus Materials." (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) name appeared as the signature approving the bids for two lots of ballistic vests. One request for bid dated May 20, 2002, was for one hundred seventy-three (173) unused ABA ballistic vests. The other request for bid dated June 17, 2002, was for three hundred (300) used ballistic vests.

During an interview on November 25, 2002, with (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), he stated that (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was his point of contact (POC) during the bidding for both lots of ballistic vests. During this interview, Mr. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided copies of the Sales Awards showing (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) signing for and receiving the ballistic vests under the firm name of City of Gardena. The first purchase of 173 vests was picked up on June 12, 2002, the second purchase of 300 vests was picked up on July 10, 2002.

When asked about the location of the ballistic vests, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated he did not know their location. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also stated he had no knowledge of who had picked the vests up from the LASD. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated he did not know of a (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and had never heard the name before. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) name was checked in the city's database and did not appear to work for the City of Gardena.

(j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated the first he had heard of the ballistic vests was when (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) City Councilman for the City of Gardena, had contacted (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) contacted (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) by phone on a Saturday at (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) home. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) informed him of the ballistic vests about to be available for sale by the LASD in an open bid capacity. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told him to purchase the ballistic vests through the City of Gardena Police Department and that the funds would be immediately reimbursed to the City of

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Gardena. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) probably could not bid on the ballistic vests himself because of a conflict of interest. When asked what the conflict of interest might be, (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also works for LASD. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) holds the position of ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

(b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that the City of Gardena never received the ballistic vests even though they had purchased them with City of Gardena funds. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that the City of Gardena had been reimbursed for both purchases. One reimbursement was in the form of a cashier's check that (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) remembered receiving, but (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) said he could not recall the method of payment for the other purchase. During the interview, (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was able to retrieve copies of both checks for reimbursement to the City of Gardena. One check was in the form of cashier's check #455264421 from Cathay Bank, 777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012, for \$3000.00, made payable to the City of Gardena. The check was written on July 18, 2002. The other was check #0300 from the Honorary Consulate of The Kingdom of Cambodia, 422 ORD St. Suite G, Los Angeles, CA 90012, in the amount of \$5,190.00. The check was dated June 12, 2002.

(b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was asked if the funds reimbursed to the City of Gardena would be used to purchase more ballistic vests for the City of Gardena Police Department. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) replied that they would not, and stated that the purchases were never intended for the Police Department. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) approved the purchases at the direction of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

During the interview, (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was cooperative in answering direct questions, although he did not offer any information without being asked directly.

On December 03, 2002, SAIC/LA received a Commerce Determination from the Exodus Command Center on referral number (b)(2), (b)(7)(E). In response to information provided by this office, a determination was made on the license requirements for the ballistic vests possibly being exported to Cambodia. The response provided the Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) from the Commerce Control List (CCL). (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) corresponds to Body Armor and does require a license if shipped to the country of Cambodia.

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RELATED CASE NUMBERS:			
COLLATERAL REQ:			
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TOPIC: MEMORANDUM OF INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED AND UPDATE OF INVESTIGATION			

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This report details follow up interviews completed and updates the investigation.

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## DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

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On December 10, 2002, the SAIC/LA reinterviewed (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) City Manager for the City of Gardena. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was asked for specific dates on which he was contacted by (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that he did not have the dates at that time but would call with the information when obtained. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was asked if he had discussed the investigation with (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), to which (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) replied he had not. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also stated that he remembered (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) hand-delivering one of the reimbursement checks to (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), but did not remember which of the two checks it was. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was questioned as to the involvement of the other councilmen for the City of Gardena. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that to his knowledge, the other councilmen were not aware of the vest transaction. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that he had the authority to make purchases of up to \$10,000.00 without prior approval of the councilmen.

On December 11, 2002, SAIC/LA agents conducted a follow-up interview with (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). The purpose of the interview was to gain information on the identity of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), the person signing for the City of Gardena and receiving the ballistic vests from the LASD. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that he had made inquiries into the transactions himself and found out that (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) supposedly works for the Cambodian Consulate. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that he did not remember who told him, but it was while making inquiries up his chain of command. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) specifically mentioned that he might have heard of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) association with the Cambodian Consulate through conversations with his supervisors, (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

The supervisor of the (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated he had not had any conversations with (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on this matter.

(b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that the first time the vests were brought to his attention was by (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at the time (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) initially started the vest deal and then moved to (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that this is the same time (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) became the (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) also mentioned the name (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as being (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) supervisor. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with the LASD.

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During the interview, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) called (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to his office. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is the person who signed the release of the ballistic vests to (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was asked if he remembered the transaction or (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that he did remember the transaction and that (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was a ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) seemed surprised by this and asked (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to check the files for (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and make sure if, in fact, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) left the office and came back within five minutes and stated that he was wrong, (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was not ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) but said he thought he remembered (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) being in a uniform when picking up the vests.

(j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that three to four months earlier, he had met someone named (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in regard to sales of equipment, but could not remember if the first name of the man was (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or not. Neither (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) nor (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) could provide any type of identification for (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

On December 16, 2002, the SAIC/LA received a phone call from (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) regarding the date that (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) had phoned (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) at home. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that he could not remember if it was May 18, 2002, or April 20, 2002. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that he thinks it would be the date closest to the first purchase order sent for the vests, but could not be positive. The closest date would be May 18th, in reference to the first purchase order (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) approved on May 20, 2002.

At this time, attempts are being made to identify and interview (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).  
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TOPIC: INTERVIEW AT CAMBODIAN CONSULATE AND IDENTITY OF (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)			

## SYNOPSIS:

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This report details contact made with the Cambodian Consulate office in Los Angeles, as well as information relating to the identity of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) AKA (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)

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On December 19, 2002, SAIC/LA agents contacted the Cambodian Consulate office at 422 Ord St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Staff personnel were questioned about the possible employment of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). The receptionist at the consulate stated that (b)(6), (b)(7) was not in at the time, but was employed there. The receptionist then directed us to a (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) is the Honorary Consular at the consulate office in Los Angeles, according to the receptionist and research completed by this office. Agents were provided with (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) business card showing (b)(6), (b)(7) to be an attorney with the Law Offices of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C).

The receptionist asked that we go to the next office down to see (b)(6), (b)(7).

An assistant at the law office named (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6), (b)(7) was with clients at the moment and then would be leaving for court. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that (b)(6), (b)(7) would probably not have time to speak with us. Agents informed (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) that it would only take a minute to ask (b)(6), (b)(7) a few questions; at that point, (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) said to have a seat and wait. Within approximately twenty minutes agents approached (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and identified themselves as agents with the United States Customs Service. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) then stated that (b)(6), (b)(7) had already left to go to court and to schedule an appointment or come back later. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was questioned as to the employment of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and she acknowledged that she knew the name. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) then walked back to the consulate office and spoke with the receptionist there. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was able to produce a name and phone number for (b)(6), (b)(7). The name provided was (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) phone number (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). When asked if (b)(6), (b)(7) was actually (b)(6), (b)(7), (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) stated that she had seen (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) about three weeks before and only knew him as (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and that the number was his contact number. This concluded the interview.

Contact was made with SECTOR to request information on (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). SECTOR provided information on (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) date of birth (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) California driver's license: (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with an address of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Case agent then called California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and requested the driver's license photo for (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and the correct address. DMV transferred the call to their (b)(7)(E). The (b)(7)(E).

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provided the current address for (b)(6), (b)(7) as (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Westchester, CA 90045.

Agents then drove by the address for (b)(6), (b)(7) and copied license number (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) from a (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) parked in the driveway of the residence.

The license plate taken from the residence was checked through (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) showing valid registration to (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

Records checks were completed and revealed ten base records relating to (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) eight crossing records, one record identifying (b)(6), (b)(7) as a registered pilot, flight engineer or navigator with the FAA, license number (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and one case record (b)(2), (b)(7)(E) under the title (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). The case is in relation to an application for a Customhouse Cartman License, filed by (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). The last report of investigation showed no derogatory information. The report also showed (b)(6), (b)(7) having an address of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Inglewood, CA 90301. The report lists several employees of (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and lists (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) as President (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with an address of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Westchester, CA 90045, DOB (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) place of birth (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) SSN (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). A subject (non-suspect) record was linked for (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), (b)(7)(E).

Several Internet queries were made for (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) revealing information showing (b)(6), (b)(7) as a freight forwarding company with an address of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301. (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) residence address also appears for (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (b)(6), (b)(7) is listed as a board member of the (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) a transportation company with the same address as (b)(6), (b)(7).

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Personnel Department was contacted and revealed (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to be ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with the LASD. Internet queries revealed (b)(6), (b)(7) to be a ICE (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in the LASD.

On December 19, 2002, SAIC/LA received (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) DMV photo via facsimile. By visually comparing the signatures on (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) driver's license and the signature of (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on the County of Los Angeles Sales Awards dated 06/12/02 and 07/10/02 obtained from the LASD Central Supply/Logistics building, the signatures are similar.

An information packet for the Cambodian Consulate's office was taken, and inside is a greeting message from the consular, (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). At the bottom of the letter is (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) signature. This signature is also similar to the signature on check number 0300 from the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia paid to the City of Gardena in the amount of \$5,190.00 on 06/12/02.

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CASE STATUS: INTERIM RPT			
REPORT DATE 012403	DATE ASSIGNED 112602	PROGRAM CODE (b)(2), (b)(7)(E)	REPORT NO. 005
RELATED CASE NUMBERS:			
COLLATERAL REQ:			
TYPE OF REPORT: MEMO OF INTERVIEW / INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS			
TOPIC: INTERVIEW OF (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)			

## SYNOPSIS:

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On January 10, 2003, (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was interviewed with respect to his involvement of the purchase and possible export of 473 ballistic vests. The details of that interview are contained herein.

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	ORIGIN OFFICE: LA LOS ANGELES - SAC	TELEPHONE: 562 624 (b)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C)
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## DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

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On December 23, 2002, Customs Export Enforcement subpoenas were served on (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) both of which are owned by (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). The subpoenas requested documents pertaining to exports from June 1, 2002 until the present. On January 6, 2003, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) contacted this office and requested additional information as to what the subpoenas pertained. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) agreed to an interview at the SAIC/LA office and a time was set for 10:30, Friday, January 10, 2003.

On January 10, 2003, an interview was conducted with (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) DOB (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) SSN (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) was born in (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and is a naturalized United States citizen. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) voluntarily provided the following information to agents:

(j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) is a (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) with the LASD and works out of the headquarters building for LASD while on his reserve duties. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) primarily does administrative work during his reserve time. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) joined the reserves by applying in 1999 and going through a four-month academy. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) then attended another three-month academy to qualify as a level two deputy (gun carrying). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) is also a (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) a captain in the (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and a member of the (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) does not receive any monetary income from any of these positions; his sole source of income is from his freight forwarding business.

(j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) involvement in this matter became known after he was identified as the person signing for and receiving the ballistic vests from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Central Supply/Logistics, 14205 Ea Telegraph Rd., Whittier, CA 90604. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) signed for and received the ballistic vests on two separate occasions: June 12, 2002, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) took receipt of 173 vests, and on July 10, 2002, he took possession of 300 vests.

In April 2002, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) attended a meeting along with (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) (Cambodian Consular in Los Angeles), several officials from the Cambodian National Police, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) LASD, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) LASD, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) in the LASD, no relation to (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and representatives from the FBI. Discussed at this meeting were, among other

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things, requests from the Cambodian officials to procure police vehicles and ballistic vests from the LASD. According to (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) told (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to look into getting the equipment for the Cambodian Consulate.

(j)(6), (b)(7) said the reason for using the City of Gardena for the transactions was because of the "Law Enforcement Only" clause on the sale of the vests. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was the individual who informed (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) of how the transaction would work. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) gave (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) orders on what to do, and when, in regard to the transactions.

(j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) contacted (j)(6), (b)(7) and told him to go to the Cambodian Consulate to pick up a check from (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the Consular, to pay for the vests. Picked up from the Cambodian Consulate was check number 0300, in the amount of \$5,190.00. (j)(6), (b)(7) himself purchased cashier's check number (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) from Cathay Bank, dated 07/18/02, in the amount of \$3,000.00, from the Cathay Bank branch at 777 North Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The consulate did not have enough money in their account at the time, so (j)(6), (b)(7), (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) all wrote personal checks for \$1,000.00 each, which they gave to (j)(6), (b)(7) to buy the cashier's check. (j)(6), (b)(7) was reimbursed at a later date by the consulate for the exact amount.

(j)(6), (b)(7) was contacted by (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), LASD, on both occasions when the vests were ready to be picked up from Sheriff's Logistics. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) also told (j)(6), (b)(7) to sign the receiving paperwork as "City of Gardena" on both occasions. (j)(6), (b)(7) wrote (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) name incorrectly -- as (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) -- on the form dated 06/12/02.

The entire ballistic vest venture was as a direct result of a request from the Cambodian officials during the meeting held in April 2002. The officials asked for police automobiles and ballistic vests, which the LASD provided. Police vehicles were bought and shipped to Cambodia, which (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) company, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) was responsible for shipping. Even though the Cambodian consulate paid for everything, there was no profit realized by anyone involved in the venture. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) company was paid for the shipping of the police vehicles.

(j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7) uses (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for all his personal finances and (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) for both of his companies.



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RELATED CASE NUMBERS:			
COLLATERAL REQ: CABK			
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TOPIC: UPDATE AND COLLATERAL REQUEST			

## SYNOPSIS:

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This report is to bring this investigation up to date and to request the Customs Attach/Bangkok to give assistance by contacting the Cambodian National Police as to their receipt of police vehicles and ballistic vests purchased from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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After interviewing (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) on January 10, 2003, agents asked (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to contact the Cambodian Consular, (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) to try and determine if the ballistic vests were still located at the consulate in Los Angeles. (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) made several phone calls over the next few days, without speaking to (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) finally contacted (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) and found out that the vests were still at the consulate.

In February 2003, SAIC/LA contacted the State Department office in Los Angeles. In speaking with a representative from the State Department, it was determined that the Cambodian Consulate office here in Los Angeles as well as (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), have only limited immunity.

On February 18, 2003, the SAIC/LA received a message from the Customs Attach/Bangkok concerning this investigation. The Attach had been contacted by the Embassy in Cambodia.

On March 19, 2003, Customs Attach/Bangkok informed this office that it had been confirmed through the Regional Security Officer in the Embassy in Cambodia that the Cambodian National Police had in fact received 300 ballistic vests from the LASD. The vests were supposedly shipped with the police vehicles that were shipped out of Los Angeles on or around August 16, 2002.

This office is in receipt of the bill of lading, container manifest, required Customs paperwork, and shippers letter of instruction received from (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), the freight forwarder used in the vehicle shipment. (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) provided this paperwork after being served U.S. Customs Export Enforcement Subpoena (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C). None of the paperwork for the vehicles shipped out shows any indication of ballistic vests being included in the containers carrying the vehicles. If the vests were placed in the vehicles or the containers for transport, they were not so noted on any required documents given to the U.S. Customs Service at time of shipment.

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COLLATERAL REQUEST:

Customs Attach/Bangkok

SAIC/LA requests you contact the Cambodian National Police with respect to the disposition of the 300 ballistic vests they are in receipt of. This office would request the process by which the vests were shipped and delivered to the Cambodian National Police.

How many vests have the Cambodian National Police received from the LASD?

Who were the exporter, freight forwarder, and consignee for the shipment?

Are they expecting another shipment of vests from the U.S.?

Are they aware of the licensing requirements set forth by the Department of Commerce?

Did anyone in the Cambodian Government obtain or attempt to obtain an export license from the Department of Commerce?

Are the Cambodian National Police aware of the 173 ballistic vests presumably still in the hands of the Cambodian Consulate here in Los Angeles?

Was (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) or anyone else instructed to place the vests in the same container as the police vehicles that were shipped?

Investigation continues.

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RELATED CASE NUMBERS:			
COLLATERAL REQ:			
TYPE OF REPORT: INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS OTHER INFORMATION			
TOPIC: CLOSING OF INVESTIGATION			

## SYNOPSIS:

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Results of investigation and closing report.

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## DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION:

On October 25, 2002, the Special Agent in Charge/Los Angeles (SAC/LA) received information from the Resident Agent in Charge/Orange County (RAC/OR) regarding possible export violations. The information pertained to the alleged sale of 173 "unused" ballistic vests and 300 "used, as is" Kevlar vests to the Honorary Consulate of the Kingdom of Cambodia. The documents show the City of Gardena originally purchased the ballistic vests from the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department.

On April 4, 2003, Customs Attache, Bangkok (CA/BK) responded to a collateral request from the SAC/LA regarding this investigation. All reports are contained in this case file.

The CA/BK received information from the Regional Security Officer (RSO) at the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh. The RSO determined through conversations with a Cambodian representative that the Cambodian National Police had received 300 ballistic kevlar vests. The vests were shipped in a container that contained a police car for the Cambodian National Police. Allegedly, the vests were inside the police car.

On May 9, 2003, the CA/BK obtained documents from the RSO concerning the shipment of police vehicles and vests. The documents are a facsimile dated August 22, 2002, from the International Liaison Unit, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD). The fax cover page shows the fax coming from a (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) International Liaison Unit, Monterey Park, California, and going to the Ministry of Interior, Kingdom of Cambodia, Attention: Police General (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) Director General National Police.

The facsimile is in regard to two shipments of police vehicles from the LASD to the Cambodian National Police. The first shipment mentioned is for a total of eleven black and white cars shipped on August 16, 2002, expected to arrive on September 19, 2002. There is a paragraph in the fax stating the following:

"Please note, 300 pcs of complimentary Bullet Proved sic Vests was forwarded to you as our gifts also included on this shipment."

The second shipment mentioned states that a total of nine black and white cars is scheduled to be shipped on September 2, 2002, and arrive in Phnom Penh on October 4, 2002.

The CA/BK also obtained copies of the shipping documents from the RSO, which are the same documents already obtained by the case agent from (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the freight forwarder used to ship the vehicles.

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The documents obtained by use of Customs Export Subpoena 2003-0309, were Bill of Lading for both shipments of vehicles, vehicle information documents with U.S. Customs Service logo and address on top listing all the vehicles shipped, the shipper's letter of instructions, one sales award from the County of Los Angeles to the Kingdom of Cambodia for nine automobiles, and container manifests for the shipments.

A review of all documents obtained shows no mention of ballistic vests in the shipment. These documents are contained in the case file for review.

CA Bangkok final report stated the following:

- \* The Cambodian National Police (CNP) are not expecting any additional vests.
- \* The ballistic vests were in the police cars when they received them as they arrived at the port of Sihanukville, Cambodia.
- \* The CNP were unaware of any involvement of (j)(2), (b)(6), (b)(7)(C) the Honorary Consulate in Los Angeles.
- \* All of the vests that the CNP received were distributed to police officials only.
- \* The CNP were unaware of any license requirement.

The SAC/LA does not believe there is enough information showing knowledge of the pertinent export laws and regulations on the part of the parties involved in this investigation. Furthermore, the intent of the parties was to provide another law enforcement agency with protective equipment, which was verified by the CA/BK.

Based on interviews conducted and the information obtained during this investigation, a determination has been made to close this investigation pending any further information. Case agent will notify LASD Internal Investigations Bureau that the investigation has been closed and refer to District Attorney's Office for any action they deem necessary.

Investigation closed.

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